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For: ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING A
SECRETORY SIGNAL FOR EXPRESSION AND
SECRETION OF HETEROLOGOUS RECOMBINANT
PROTEINS

LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 5, 2003

Sir:

Pursuant to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, attached hereto are twenty-seven (27) sheets of corrected Formal Drawings. Please substitute these corrected drawings for the corresponding twenty-seven (27) sheets of drawings on file in the above-identified application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee

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required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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